

# INFANTRY CAREER NOTES



## ASSIGNMENTS IN DELTA FORCE

The 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-DELTA conducts a broad range of missions that require rapid response and the application of unique skills. DELTA's soldiers are therefore carefully selected and specially trained.

Both officers and noncommissioned officers undergo the same assessment, selection, and training process. Those who successfully complete the training are assigned to operational positions within the unit, and they receive unique opportunities for professional development.

Officers have added opportunities to command at the captain, major, and lieutenant colonel levels, or to serve as battalion level operations officers. Various staff positions are also available at the Department of Defense, Department of the Army, Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, and U.S. Special Operations Command and other joint headquarters, as well as interagency postings that become available because of the DELTA training and experience. These assignment opportunities are in addition to those available in their basic branches.

Noncommissioned officers have leadership opportunities similar to those available in the Special Forces. In addition to exceptional training, they are given increased levels of responsibility along with sufficient authority to complete their assigned missions.

DELTA conducts worldwide recruiting twice a year preceding its fall and spring assessment and selection courses. Recruiting for the fall course is from March through August, and for the spring course, from September through February.

To be eligible, an officer or NCO

must meet the following general prerequisites:

- Be a volunteer, male, at least 22 years of age, and a U.S. citizen.
- Be in the Active Army, U.S. Army National Guard, or U.S. Army Reserve.
- Pass a modified HALO/SCUBA physical and eye examination.
- Be airborne qualified or volunteer for airborne training.
- Pass a background security investigation and have at least a Secret clearance (or be granted an interim Secret clearance).
- Have no history of recurring disciplinary action.
- Pass the five-event physical fitness qualification test (inverted crawl, run-dodge-and-jump, pushups, situps, and two-mile run) and the 100-meter swim, all while wearing fatigues or battle dress uniforms and boots.
- Have a minimum of two years of active service remaining upon selection to DELTA.

An NCO must be in the rank of sergeant through sergeant first class, with a minimum of four years time in service, and a minimum GT score of 110.

An officer must be in the rank of captain or major (branch immaterial), be an officer advanced course graduate, and have a bachelor's degree, with at least 12 months of successful command as a captain.

For additional information, call DELTA recruiters at 1-800-606-1370, or DSN 236-0689/0649; or call collect on the commercial line—(910) 396-0689/0649.

DELTA is also interested in soldiers with combat support and combat service support military occupational specialties (Active Army only). For information on support prerequisites and assignment opportunities, call DELTA's support recruiter, SFC Esperanza

Traino, at DSN 236-0986 or collect on the commercial line—(910) 396-0986.

## LOGISTICS DEVELOPMENT COURSE

The Associate Logistics Executive Development Course (ALEDC) is open to qualified active and reserve component officers and DOD civilians.

This premier Army logistics course focuses on preparing its participants for executive and policy-making peacetime and mobilization assignments. The five-phase course, available either by correspondence or in a two-week resident course, provides insight into the multifunctional areas of logistics. It broadens a student's understanding of the Army in the field, the Department of Defense logistics structure, and the U.S. industrial base.

To be eligible, officers must be in the ranks of captain and above with primary or secondary combat service support specialties (15D, MSC 70 series, 88, 90, 91, 92) and must have completed a branch officer advanced course or the Combat Logistics Officer Advanced Course. Civilians must be in the grade of GS-12 or higher with career status and five years of experience in military logistics.

For Reserve officers, the course satisfies the educational requirements for promotion to lieutenant colonel under Army Regulation 135-155 and meets the institutional training requirements of DA Pamphlet 600-3 for award of functional area 90A, Logisticians.

Reserve officers may obtain more information from their personnel management officers at the Army Reserve Personnel Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

### FORCE MANAGEMENT COURSE

The Army's new four-week Force Management Course replaces the original three-week course, held at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, which was designed to give personnel going into the force structure a head start. The new course, held at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, has the same fundamental purpose, with the added feature of giving students a better overall view of the processes that make the Army function.

During the first three weeks, instructors focus on the Army staff's relationship with the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, with emphasis on the planning, programming, and budgeting execution system cycles. For the final week, students choose one of three electives: force structure, documentation, and logistics.

Students who will be working in force

structure or program analysis and evaluation positions benefit most from the course.

Course requirements are outlined in the Army Training Requirements and Resources System under SC 134, course number FM-100.

### COLLEGE CREDIT FOR RESERVE TRAINING

Whether they know it or not, most Army Reservists have taken courses, trained, or earned specialties that are worth college credit.

The greater the correlation between the soldier's military training and the content of specific college courses, the more credit he can earn. Technical training—medical, electronics, or accounting, for example—will earn more credit than training to fire an M16, but some college credit is available for almost all military training.

To obtain credit, Reservists must ask

for an evaluation of their experience and training. This evaluation is conducted using the Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services, produced by the American Council on Education (ACE).

The other major source of nontraditional college credit is the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) testing program, which includes the DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSSTs), the College-Level Examination program (CLEP), and the American College Testing Proficiency Examination program (ACT PEP).

Each college establishes standards for awarding test-based credit, and only the college can award credit. Soldiers should therefore ask counsellors at colleges they plan to attend about the policy on awarding credit, and seek an evaluation of nontraditional college credit available to them.

